

Senators Nozzolio, Kuhl and Assemblyman Magee Announce \$224,000 for Experiment Station

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GENEVA: Continuing their efforts in support of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, State Senators Mike Nozzolio and Randy Kuhl, and Assemblyman Bill Magee today announced that they have secured \$224,000 in State assistance for the Experiment Station. The funding was secured as part of last year's State budget.

"Last year, we achieved a major victory in winning approval for the establishment of the Ag Tech Park at the Experiment Station, which will greatly enhance Geneva's national standing and reputation as a major research center in the development of new technologies and help create new jobs in the Finger Lakes region," said Senator Nozzolio. "It was a pleasure for me to work with Senator Kuhl and Assemblyman Magee in securing this funding to further enhance and support the Experiment Station's work. This represents yet another important investment in the Experiment Station and in the future of Geneva and the Finger Lakes."

Assemblyman Bill Magee, Chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee said, "This investment in the Geneva Station is a real shot in the arm for the Finger Lakes, definitely, but also for agriculture across New York State as the Experiment Station continues to develop new technology and new products to aid and assist our farmers and agribusinesses with becoming more efficient, more diverse and, ultimately, more profitable."

Senator Kuhl said, "We're fortunate here in the Finger Lakes to be home to one of the nation's premier agricultural research centers. This new State investment will boost the



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regional economy and enhance the Geneva Experiment Station's ability to advance the future of New York State agriculture."

Jim Hunter, Director of the Experiment Station said, "Without these funds, the Station would not be able to continue upgrading equipment needed to carry out field and laboratory research. Modern instruments and machines are essential for Station scientists to help New York food and agriculture industries, and to retain and attract businesses based on the plant and food sciences. The support of Senator Nozzolio, Senator Kuhl, Assemblyman Magee and Governor Pataki is greatly appreciated."

The funding secured by the Legislators will be used to assist the Experiment Station with upgrading equipment and machinery and to support the wine production training facility.

The funding announced today brings New York State's investment in the Experiment Station to over \$1.5 million since 1995.

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